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## Senator-Elect Gilbert Tapped to Chair Senate Transportation Committee

(LANSING) – Incoming Senator Jud Gilbert was named today by Senate Majority Leader-elect Ken Sikkema as chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation for the 2003-2006 legislative session.

"I am excited that Senate Majority Leader Sikkema selected me to serve as chair of the transportation committee," Gilbert said. "I look forward to the many challenges that lie ahead – and I am eager to work with my new Senate colleagues, Republicans and Democrats, on legislation that benefits the state of Michigan."

Gilbert, R-Algonac, will be responsible for managing committee legislation that affects transportation issues across Michigan, including distribution of state funds, setting guidelines for transportation policy and addressing infrastructure issues.

"Representative Gilbert's leadership as chair of the House Transportation Committee will bring valuable experience to the Senate Transportation Committee," Sikkema, R-Wyoming said. "He will play an important role in addressing the transportation issues that face Michigan families and communities."

Gilbert, a licensed funeral director, has served in the House of Representatives since 1999. He was born and raised in Algonac and attended St. Clair Community College. Gilbert is also active in numerous local organizations.